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Classified By: ADCM William H. Duncan for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Spanish MFA Deputy European Correspondent Maria Luisa Benitez Donoso January 14. Benitez confirmed January 20 that the EU-Syria Association Agreement would not be on the agenda for the January GAERC. She did not have further substantive remarks. January 22 poloff also delivered reftel demarche to Spanish MFA Deputy Director Ricardo Sanchez Blanco within the MFA office of EU Integration and Coordination of General Affairs and Economics (Office Director equivalent). Post will further report any substantive response received. CHACON